### STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM



# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SPECIALIST TRAINEE

The Student Career Experience Program at EPA provides students with paid part-time, semester-length, seasonal, or summer trainee employment leading to non-competitive eligibility for appointment to the target position upon successful completion of at least 640 hours of on-the-job training and receipt of their degree. Positions are available in the following program offices:

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance: OECA enforces US environmental laws while inspiring the regulated community to pursue pollution prevention.

Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances: OPPTS regulates pesticides and chemicals to ensure protection of public health and the environment, as well as promotes innovative programs to prevent pollution.

Office of the Chief Financial Officer: OCFO provides Agency financial services, manages EPA's strategic planning process, formulates and manages the Agency's budget and develops and maintains EPA's financial systems.

**Office of Environmental Information:** OEI supports the protection of human health and the environment by facilitating data collection, management and access to assist in raising awareness and improve environmental decision-making.

Environmental Protection Specialist trainees conduct outreach to the regulated community and develop and implement EPA programs that determine compliance with environmental laws and regulations or programs that seek to assist industry and government to avoid generating pollution. They also investigate and bring civil enforcement cases against violators. They analyze environmental policies and regulations and work with states to implement a variety of pollution prevention programs. They may assist in making more efficient EPA business practices through automation. Strong writing and analytical skills are required. All positions are located in Washington, DC. All majors are welcome to apply, but applicants should have some academic or experiential background in environmental issues, policy, or science.

## Specific Job Information: Locations: Washington, DC

Salary: Federal Government GS-4 (\$13.60/hr. undergraduate) or GS-7 (\$18.85/hr. – master's candidate)
Schedule: Flexible, depending on student's needs. Positions are available at any time during the year.

#### **Position Benefits:**

- Benefits include annual and sick leave, health insurance, and retirement.
- Students gain on-the-job training and experience and preview a career choice
- Upon graduation and successful completion of the work requirement, students gain non-competitive eligibility for appointment to the Federal service in the target position.

### **Qualifications Required:**

- U.S. Citizen
- Enrolled at least half-time in a degree-granting program at an accredited college or university
- At least a 2.95 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Recommended by university faculty
- Basic background investigation

For more information, go to: www.epa.gov/compliance/about/employment/specialprograms/studentcareerexperience.html

**How to Apply:** Provide resume, cover letter, current official transcript, recommendation, and writing sample to:

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